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In re Application of :  
Daniel Girard :  
Serial No. 10/522,584 : Group Art Unit: 3723  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HOLDING IN POSITION ADJACENT FACING  
ENDS OF TUBE SECTIONS FOR JOINING THEM BY WELDING

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

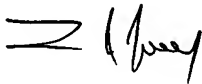
These references were cited in a Canadian Office Action dated May 10, 2006. Only those references which were not previously cited are included in this statement. Applicant notes that U.S. Patent No. 5,573,229 is a counterpart to Canadian Patent No. 2 188 824. No further elaboration is believed necessary. Copies of the Canadian Office Action and cited art are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-2036.

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